STAMPS.

(No. 39 to 41.)

SUBJECT No. 39.

Signature of purchasers of General Stamp papers.

Mr. G. Sivaramiah, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Stamp Vendors may be required to take the signature or thumb impression of the persons to whom a general stamp is sold.

Dewan.—If it is proved that the arrangement proposed is necessary and convenient, Government will reconsider their orders of 1914 and 1916 and do what they can in the matter.

Mr. C. S. Doraswami Iyer (to the member).—Do you want signatures to be taken of the man who wants the stamp papers or of the man who goes to purchase the paper?

Mr. Sivaramiah.—I want the signatures of both to be taken. Formerly, the names of both these men as well as the object for taking the paper used to be entered. There was then no chance of forgery.

Mr. C. S. Doraswami Iyer.—This is not usually done everywhere.

Mr. Narasimiah.—That is being done. In fact it should be so done.

Dewan.—The question will be considered again. We will note it.

SUBJECT No. 40.

Appointing salaried stamp vendors.

Mr. C. Chennakeshaviah, Chitaldrug Taluk, and Mr. R. Srinivasa Rao, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Mr. C. Chennakesaviah.—This seems an unimportant subject. We also thought it for some time as too small a subject to come before the Representative Assembly, but stamp vendors are not available easily and our grievance is great. Sometimes, the stamp vendor has stamp papers but says he has not, just to take a present for selling the paper. Most of us know what present is to be paid for an eight-anna stamp and what for a one-rupee stamp, etc. We are at the mercy of the stamp vendors. We want salaried men to sell stamps at specified places during specified hours.

Temporary Member.—But now is there no time at which stamp vendors are required to be present at district offices or anywhere?

Mr. Chennakesaviah.—Absolutely none.

Dewan.—So you are not pleading exclusively for salaried vendors? If arrangements are made for stamp papers, etc., being available at fixed places and during fixed hours for sale to the public it will be enough. The suggestion is noted.

SUBJECT No. 41.

Use of proper stamps for service contracts.

Messrs. Sankrappa and Siddappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Coolies from South Canara and other parts receive advances for working in the Malnad and execute stamped agreements here. Some coolies stay away in their places without working at all. The Mysore